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To: Mugdan, Walter [Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov]; Vida, Stephen [Vida.Stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Confirmation hearing briefing sheets
Attachments: DRAFT R2-NJ-Pb in Newark DW Jan 2019.docx

Hi Walter –

Attached is a draft factsheet for the Administrator's confirmation hearing on lead in Newark drinking water. I *almost* managed to keep it to one page, but it is still very broad in scope (can I play with the margins at all? I can probably make it all fit on one page). I don't mention, for example, the Pequannock vs. Wanaque, the uncovered finished reservoir, or explain the role of pH and how it can impact HAA5 vs lead. I did try to convey the role EPA has had. Please let me know if you have any edits or comments. I can provide any additional details needed, or state anything more explicitly (e.g. NJ is the lead in the response, not EPA, because they have primacy of SDWA rules).

I will keep an eye on my email, but if you have any questions you can also call me at Personal Matters / Ex. 6

Thanks!

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From: Mugdan, Walter
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 12:50 PM
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Subject: RE: Confirmation hearing briefing sheets

Thanks Steve. I was at the meeting, and will fill out this part of the briefing paper.

From: Vida, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Mugdan, Walter <Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Confirmation hearing briefing sheets

Walter,
One of the items requested by HQ (Congressional Affairs Task Force) is an update to the meeting held in NJ with Trenton's Mayor Baraka on 12/18.

Key Points:

- EPA Regional Administrator Lopez has convened a (12/18 – **note this will need to be updated after the meeting**) meeting with Newark Mayor Baraka, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner McCabe, and representatives from other federal agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to help identify potential additional sources of funding for Newark.

I was not at the meeting. The only information that I have is ...

No specific action items were identified for CWD. The next steps will just be, as planned, for DECA to continue to work with DEP on the joint assessment.

Pete would still like to explore additional funding sources, specifically to cover the balance of the costs that are not covered by the SRF funding. The Mayor mentioned that in their first phase of replacements with the SRF \$ covering 90% of the costs, residents will be covering the remaining 10% (approx. \$700) using a payment plan the City has developed which will spread the payment over 12-24 months. HUD CDBG funding can cover this cost, but the City would have to reallocate funding they already have—they would not receive additional CDBG funding from HUD. If you all have any innovative ideas to cover this cost for residents, or hear about anything from communities from other regions, or OW, that would be helpful.

Is this enough or is there any additional information that I should incorporate into the Briefing Sheet?

Thanks,
Steve

From: Mugdan, Walter
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Subject: FW: Confirmation hearing briefing sheets

Christine and Steve,

See the note below from OW, and please incorporate the requested information into the briefing papers you are preparing.atw Thanks,

Walter

From: Spraul, Greg
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Pete,

Good morning! I am supporting Lee and OW on confirmation prep.

Thanks for your help with the PFAS paper. We also need your assistance with updating the Newark/Booker/Lead in drinking water paper (attached). Same timeline as the PFAS paper.

Here are the updates we need:

- Add detail about current DW SRF projects being done in Newark

- Add TPs on what other “assistance” EPA is providing, tech assistance, etc.
- Delete bold “need update” –and provide the update

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Hi Jennifer.

I will reach back to my team and initiate work.

May need to activate furloughed staff to accomplish.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,
Pete

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On Jan 7, 2019, at 4:22 PM, Mclain, Jennifer <Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Pete –

I’m reaching out to coordinate on addressing comments we received on the attached briefing sheet, which I believe was initially developed by R2.

Comment: Revise briefing sheet to cover PFAS in New York

- Add Hoosick Falls
- Add TPs for Gillibrand –why didn’t EPA go to NY for PFAS engagement?
- Other NY issues?
- Also, is OLEM considering listing the Westhampton Beach site as Superfund?

Please let me know if R2 will continue to lead the development of this briefing sheet with input as needed from OW and OLEM or if you would prefer OW to make the initial revisions in response to today’s comments. My understanding is that we are aiming to turn this around tomorrow/Wednesday.

Thanks much,
Jennifer

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